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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, ELAB, SHUM, NU

SUBJECT: SITREP 7: 5 SEPTEMBER

1. PRESS: OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS, MORE FOREIGN JOURNALISTS  
HAVE INDICATED RECEIPT OF VAGUE THREATENING PHONE CALLS. THE  
PAO REPORTS BEING TOLD BY A GROUP OF JOURNALISTS THAT THEY  
HAD BEEN INFORMED OF A PLANNED FSLN ATTACK ON THE INTER-  
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CONTINENTAL HOTEL, WHERE THEY ARE LODGED. ICA FEELS THAT  
THIS PREOCCUPATION STEMMED FROM HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS  
ADDRESSED TO AMCIT CONTRACT EMPLOYEE OF GN WHO WAS AT HOTEL.  
EMB WISHES TO CORRECT ERROR IN MANAGUA 4140 PARA 4.  
DOLLAR AMOUNT OF FINES SHOULD READ 14,000 DOLLARS EACH.

SOMOZA HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY AT WHICH HE

STRONGLY ATTACKED VENEZUELA AND SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF A RUPTURE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. AS CONFERENCE NOT CARRIED LIVE ON RADIO OR TELEVISION, EMB WILL FULLY REPORT WHEN TRANSCRIPT BECOMES AVAILABLE TOMORROW. HOWEVER, EMB UNDERSTANDS THAT, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, SOMOZA STATED THAT THE IAHRC COULD VISIT NICARAGUA WHENEVER IT WISHED.

2. STRIKE: TODAY'S SURVEY INDICATES A LEVELING OFF IN THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR AND A SLIGHT INCREASE IN INDUSTRIAL SECTOR CLOSINGS. COMOFF ESTIMATES 95 PERCENT OF SHOPS IN MAJOR SHOPPING CENTERS CLOSED WITH 70 PERCENT OF INDUSTRY ALSO SHUT DOWN. HOWEVER, THE BULK OF "MARGINAL" SHOPS CONTINUE TO BE OPEN. APPARENTLY, THE MAJOR ECONOMIC FORCES (EXCEPTING BANKS) ARE CLOSED WHILE FRINGE BUSINESSES AND NEIGHBORHOOD SHOPS REMAIN OPEN. TRANSPORTATION CONTINUES NORMALLY AND MOST GAS STATIONS REMAIN OPEN. LONG LINES WERE IN EVIDENCE AT THE GON GRAIN BUYING AND SELLING AGENCY--APPARENTLY DUE TO ITS CONTROLLED PRICES AS OPEN MARKET PRICES BEGIN TO RISE. COMOFF BELIEVES, BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH BUSINESSMEN THAT STRIKE WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE 14-15 SEPTEMBER INDEPENDENCE DAYS HOLIDAY.

3. POLITICAL: YESTERDAY, EMB LEARNED THAT A NUMBER OF CONFIDENTIAL

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OPPOSITION POLITICAL LEADERS WERE DETAINED. A GN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED TODAY ANNOUNCES THE RELEASE OF 70 PRISONERS--(043 7.-BLY ACCOUNTING FOR ALL OR MOST THOSE REPORTED DETAINED. EMB IS UNAWARE OF ANY FURTHER ARRESTS. POL/LABOFF SPOKE WITH ONE PCN DEPUTY WHO INDICATED PERSONAL AND PARTY INTEREST IN RESOLVING SITUATION. GREATLY CONCERNED OVER POTENTIAL FOR SERIOUS RIOTING AND "HAVES VS. HAVE NOTS" VIOLENCE, THIS POLITICIAN INDICATED GREAT RECEPTIVITY TOWARD IDEA OF INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION, INCLUDING POSSIBLE PEACEKEEPING FORCE--PREFERABLY THROUGH OAS. THIS MAN INDICATED HIS AND HIS PARTY'S WILLINGNESS TO ABANDON INSISTENCE ON IMMEDIATE SOMOZA RESIGNATION IF EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION MECHANISM AVAILABLE.

4. DISTURBANCES: AN AID EMPLOYEE REPORTS WORD OF ONE DEATH IN JINOTEPE LAST NIGHT DURING A FIREFIGHT. SAME SOURCE REPORTS THAT GN IS OCCUPYING HOSPITAL IN TOWN TO KEEP IT OPERATING. A LOCAL HEALTH CLINIC IN JINOTEPE REMAINS OPEN DESPITE RECEIVING BOMB THREATS. PEACE CORPS CONFIRMS OTHER REORTS INDICATING THAT ALLEGED FIGHTING IN MATIGUAS NEVER OCCURRED. ONLY

ACTIVITY THERE WAS PEACEFUL STUDENT DEMONSTRATION. RED CROSS REPORTEDLY HELD A MEETING TODAY TO DISCUSS ITS READINESS FOR FUTURE DISTURBANCES. VARIOUS RED CROSS OFFICES ARE REPORTEDLY BUILDING UP MEDICAL SUPPLIES. ONE EMB LOCAL REPORTS THE DESTRUCTION OF HIS HOME BY ARSON AND HYPOTHESIZES THAT A PREVIOUS LATE-NIGHT RETURN HOM IN AN EMB VEHICLE (CURRENTLY TRAVELING WITHOUT PLATES) MAY HAVE LED NEIGHBORS TO ASSUME HE WAS A GON INFORMER (OREJA).

5. FINANCIAL: AM EMB LOCAL WHOSE BROTHER ALLEGEDLY WORKS FOR THE GON REPORTS THAT GON SALARIES FOR THIS PAY PERIOD MAY NOT BE PAID ON TIME. THE MAIN OFFICES OF BANIC APPEARED TODAY TO HAVE ONLY 25 PERCENT OF CONFIDENTIAL

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ITS EMPLOYEES PRESENTEN WHILE BANCO DE AMERICA HAD 60 PERCENT. THE BANK OF AMERICA HAS RECEIVED UNIDENTIFIED THREATS, BUT MANAGEMENT CLAIMS IT AND OTHER BANKS WILL REMAIN OPEN EVEN IF EMPLOYEES JOIN STRIKE. SOLAUN

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